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This volume of sermons should find a warm welcome because, among other reasons, it admirably shows how to interpret old truth and the needs of men so as to bring the two together.

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The Herods. By F. W. FARRAR, D.D., F.R.S., Dean of Canterbury, author of *The Life of Christ*, *The Life and Work of St. Paul*, *Eternal Hope*, etc. New York: E. R. Herrick & Co., 1898. Pp. xvi+206. Cloth, \$1.

Dean Farrar in the present volume has a subject which yields itself very well to his literary style. Though on a somewhat small scale, there is no more dramatic period in the world's history than that which this volume covers, and Dean Farrar has given the history in a very vivid setting. While to a large extent he is dependent upon Josephus, his knowledge of the rabbinical literature enables him to supplement the account of the historian with many anecdotes. But his book is a story rather than a history. His discussion of the proper chronological questions is hardly satisfactory. Thus, in the account of Felix we have no consideration of his relation with Cumanus. Indeed, throughout the volume the author's preference is for more vivid description rather than the discussion of questions of more technical historical interest. Further, his knowledge of the literature, while wide, is somewhat in general, and it is rather disappointing that in his discussions he should have overlooked special treatises.

S. M.

LITERARY NOTES.

PROFESSOR MOULTON'S volume upon *The Psalms* in the Modern Reader's Bible is probably as successful as any in the entire series. While there may be occasionally a question as to whether the arrangement may not vary from the real Hebrew parallelism, the excellencies of the new form are too great to be neglected by any students of Hebrew literature. (New York: The Macmillan Co., 1898; pp. 32 + 216; cloth, \$0.50.)

DR. FREDERICK A. NOBLE has published another helpful volume in *Our Redemption: Its Need, Method and Results* (New York, Chicago, and Toronto: Fleming H. Revell Co.; pp. 282; cloth, \$1.25), in